GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2547
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PROSPECTING LICENCE FOR IRON-ORE
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for grant of Prospecting Licences (PLs) for iron ore to Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has sent the details of evaluation to the Union Government in respect of various applicants for the same area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) &(b): Three proposals seeking prior approval of the Central Government for grant of prospecting licence (PL) for iron ore in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd., M/s Essar Steel Ltd. and M/s Tata Steel Ltd. have been received from the State Govt. of Jharkhand since 01.01.2006 till date.

(c) to(e): The State Government has sent comparative chart of merits in respect of eligible applicants for PL in the proposals pertaining to M/s JSW Steel Ltd. and M/s Tata Steel Ltd.. As per the information given by the State Government, M/s Essar Steel Ltd. is the sole applicant for PL on the recommended area. The State Government has recommended grant of PL in favour of all the three companies on the ground that these companies have proposed to set up value-addition industries in the State. Till date the Government of India has conveyed prior approval for grant of PL for iron ore in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd..